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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Ref: Docket #209-473-WS

Dear PCS,

I am writing to adamantly oppose the outrageous 22% rate increase requested by TCWS (Tega Cay Water Service). We already pay significantly more than friends and family in the region (Charlotte/Rock Hill) for our water service!

Our household consists of only myself & my husband, both middle-aged.

When we first moved here 8 years ago, we actually had them come out and check for leaks because we thought THEN that the bill was too much for just us!!!

We try very hard to conserve water and limit our usage in an effort to lower our water bill. We do not irrigate our lawn and I collect rain water for my container plants. I buy bottled water for our personal drinking and cooking. I have a high-efficiency front loading washer; lo-flow showerheads; and only use the dishwasher when full. **I honestly don't think there is any way for us to further cut our usage.....unless we skip bathing at the house altogether and literally go jump in the lake!!!!** But if this proposed incredible price hike is allowed, I will have to find some way to pay the price, which will cost us several hundred more dollars per year--for NO ADDITIONAL BENEFITS!

I understand the TCWS is a private, for profit entity. However, Tega Cay is a growing, expanding community with both residential and business prospects. I propose that TCWS can make their profit by this expanding customer base, although probably slower than their greed would like.

If they cannot be reasonably competitive with other utilities and remain profitable then perhaps it is time for them to get out of the business!

Sincerely,
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Thank you!